

## Curry Weekend in Pratt

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The weekend of 25 Feb 2011, 9 Civil Air Patrol cadets from Cunningham Composite Squadron bravo flight, based out of Pratt Kansas were able to attend the Civil Air Patrol "Curry Weekend" held at the armory in Pratt.

The "Curry Weekend" is held for the purpose of helping new cadets received a crash course to the world of the Civil Air Patrol. Over the course of a weekend they receive instruction on drills, aerospace education, leadership, character development, physical training & team building. Through these classes & tests the cadets gain everything they need to earn their first rank of Airman, also known as the Curry award or achievement.

The cadets were kept vey busy throughout the weekend. They were rose early in the morning to have PT or Physical Training and kept busy through the late morning & afternoon with classes. It wasn't all hard work though; there was plenty of fun mixed in. The team building exercises had kids laughing as they worked together to complete activities such as building the highest free standing balloon tower. The cadets learned not only a lot about the Civil Air Patrol, but they learned about themselves as well. They found that they could accomplish things that they never thought they would.

We are pleased to announce that the following cadets have completed the Curry weekend and have reached their first rank of Airman: Vanessa Aguirre, Rhett Beals, Logan Chadd, Nate Dipman, Hazen Hance, Chad Koehn, Nichole Moreland, Caley Nickelson, & Daniel Zumatt. Congratulations to these cadets for getting a great start on their Civil Air Patrol careers!

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We were thankful to have several wonderful cadets & senior members from Ellsworth Composite Squadron, Emerald City Composite Squadron, Salina Composite Squadron, and Wing Headquarters that converged on Pratt to help teach the new cadets.